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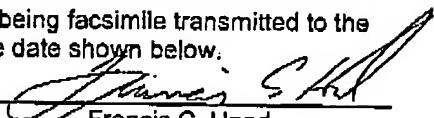
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Art Unit : 1724

Examiner: Charles S. Bushey
Applicant: Emil Fehr et al
Serial No.: 10/690,437
Filed: October 21, 2003
Title: A Device in a Process Engineering Column

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Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated June 6, 2007.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 11 and 13 to 16 are in this application.

Claims 13 to 16 have been withdrawn pursuant to a Requirement for Restriction.

Claim 11 has been allowed.

Claims 2 to 6 and 8 to 10 contain allowable subject matter.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 and 7 is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being clearly anticipated by either Somers (newly cited) or Walsh ('789-newly cited). Issue is taken in this respect.

Claim 1 requires a device to include at least two parts made of sheet metal and